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### COUNTY NEWS.

#### West Pine River.

Revival meetings have been in progress at the Saints church during the past week.

Matt Johnson has purchased a 10 acre farm near Newark's store and will take possession next fall.

Mrs. Matt Lantz had had a dangerous turn of sickness during the past few days. Dr. Bagley was called.

Mrs. Bradley Johnson has been in a very poor state of health for a long time. She is under the care of Dr. McLaughlin.

Freeman Johnson will move to Forest Hill this spring to take charge of the engine connected with the planing mill of that burg.

On Monday last Ira Moody of this place, was severely kicked in the face by one of his horses which he was holding by the halter, in order to give the animal exercise. The hoof squarely covered the eye, but the prominence of the cheek bone below and the frontal bone above, saved that organ from permanent injury. Mr. Moody was found in an unconscious condition and remained so for some time afterward. He is on the mend at this writing.

Only the sufferer knows the misery of dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases of this disease.

#### Elwell.

John Greig of Anna did business here on Monday.

Wm. Vansick's did business in Alma on Monday.

Ed. Andrews of Alma did business here on Monday.

The winter term of school closes on Friday of this week.

Mr. Oliver Trenchell has the timber on the ground for a new house.

Walter Sheahan has a cousin from Elsie visiting him this week.

Charles Fisher has the timbers cut for a new barn which he will build in the spring.

R. J. Lathrop is loading a few extra loads of basswood and elm bolts this week.

Amos Humphrey has moved on the Porter farm which he has rented for three years.

Cuba J. Boyer who has been on a visit to Ohio returned on Wednesday of last week.

Quite a number of the K. O. T. M. visited the St. Louis Tent on the 18th. A good time was reported.

E. R. Kapp is loading his household goods on a car here this week. He leaves for Elmhurst Co. the last of the week.

The story reaches our ears that Charles and Oratio Phelps have dissolved partnership. We did not understand how they divided.

Drakon Phelps is moving his house on his farm one mile south and one-half mile east of this village this week. Alma parties are moving it.

Frank Ray is expected to move to Alma sections of the D. L. & N. R. R. taking Ed. Perry's place. Ed expects to move on his farm one mile east of this village this spring.

Things were badly smoked at L. E. Chapman's Saturday night of last week. It was occasioned by Mrs. L. E. turning up an oil stove too high and then retiring.

Bert Bullock left for St. Louis on Saturday of last week where he has secured a job working on the St. Louis section of the D. L. & N. R. R. taking Ray Madlen's place. Ray having secured a job as fireman.

The guest of this village is soon to be distinguished by the most delightful music that is ever intended to. It will be made by the brass band which will be organized in the future.

This village is noted for its different kinds of people. Some are kind and loving, others are crabbed, cross and snarly, always complaining of other's faults but never looking at home, some are fierce and warlike with a scowl on their face that would resemble Fitzsimmons or Corbett with their fighting face on.

Joe Walker of Lincoln Township, Isabella County, was in town on Friday of last week circulating a petition to raise money for David Hammond who lost one of his horses some time ago. This is not the first time that Joe has been on an errand of mercy. About a year ago John Carroll of Bevi le Center lost a cow and Joe got up a petition with the results that Mr. Carroll has got a cow. Now neighbors do not be too close for David is in hard luck.

Johnny the nine-year-old boy of Wm. Vansickles who was hurt on Tuesday of last week by getting his left hand in a cutting box was reported in last week's items. The LEADER did not get the news right when we telephoned. The boy had the two middle fingers of the left hand broken and the thumb and forefinger badly smashed. The accident was caused by the younger brother turning the crank while the older one was taking some stalks out of the crushers. The boy's hand is some better at this writing.

Fruit growing in this vicinity has become a permanent industry. Quite a number of our farmers are in the business, especially some of our pine land farmers, that class of land being just adapted to berries and peaches. Mr. Allen Page who is extensively engaged in the berry culture has about 20 acres under cultivation. Mr. Wm. Pitt who is in the peach culture has about the same amount under cultivation. Quite a number of other farmers have started a few acres of plums. All report their trees in a thriving condition.

THREE ASTONISHING.—Miss Annette N. Moen, Fountain, Minn., says: "After a Cherry Pectoral has had a wonderful effect in curing my brother's children of a severe and dangerous cold. It was truly astonishing how speedily they found relief after taking this preparation."

#### Summerton.

Mr. Yeastings has sold his farm and intends moving to St. Louis.

Mrs. Anna Joslin visited friends in this vicinity last Thursday.

Several of our young people took in the exhibition at the Childs school on Friday evening.

The wedding bells are ringing for Albert Childs and Daisy Cooklin, and Rufus Robbins and Ida Wood.

St. Patrick's Day was duly observed at the Catholic church.

You should attend the Irish town debate.

School closes at the Wright Wednesday and the Brady on Friday.

The Irish town and the French schools have closed for a spring vacation.

Burt Huffman who has been teaching near New Haven Centre, is home for vacation.

A surprise party on Albert Childs and wife Monday evening.

Rumor says suit has been brought against the Allen school district by Jessie Davis for a term's wages.

Goldie Allen is visiting at her uncle's Mr. Slates.

Mr. and Mrs. Slates visited old friends in this neighborhood Thursday.

Miss Anna Mars is canvassing. We wish her the best of success.

Wm. Smitzer is cutting wood for Wm. Michael.

We thought spring was near at hand but the snow storm Thursday evening convinced us that sleighs and cutters might be in demand for months to come.

Several of our citizens attended the

Farmers' Institute and report it a perfect success.

Three cheers for O. G. Tuttle our future and present County School Commissioner.

Miss Adelia Michael visited friends near Forest Hill last week.

Winter work and winter pleasures are at a close. Let us press onward with a renewed zeal for our spring labors.

"I had a bad cold which developed into grip. Physicians gave me no relief, and I finally tried Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. One bottle cured me completely. It is a wonderful medicine." Jacob Hannies, Lyon Station, Pa.

#### Forest Hill.

Lela Wood has nearly recovered from her recent illness.

Thomas Sprague is going to Ohio this week.

Mr. James Robinson of Ithaca spent Sunday at the home of M. H. Udell.

The Ladies aid society met with Mrs. Carl last Thursday judging from the large crowd and well filled baskets our pastor and his amiable wife are held in high esteem by his flock. The ladies elected the following officers for the coming year; Maggie Oberlin, pres.; Hattie Vanderhook, vice-pres.; Mrs. Bower, treas.; Musie Owens, sec. The bees' Monday and Tuesday for getting out church timber were well attended.

One evening a short time ago Mr. and Mrs. Fred Creech were quietly sitting by their fireside, they were startled by hearing the clamorous tones of their dinner bell and on going to investigate the matter found a crowd of friends who informed them that they had gathered there to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their wedding evening. After recovering from their surprise the host and hostess entertained their guests right royally.

(From another Correspondent.)

Mrs. Thompson and little son of Missouri, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl.

Clive Baldwin started for Tennessee last Monday.

B. K. Huffman is having a two week vacation between the winter and spring term of his school. He spent last week with friends at Farwell and this week at his home.

A new family were in town Tuesday. They were moving to Parkinson.

Two railroad carpenters were here the past week and built a new platform and other conveniences at the depot.

More logs are being drawn this week for the new hall.

The K. O. T. M. State Deputy Commander was here Wednesday evening to give the boys a little instruction.

For earache, put a couple of drops of Thomas' Electric Oil on a bit of cotton and place it in the ear. The pain will stop in a few moments. Simple enough, isn't it?

#### Breckenridge.

##### Obituary.

Charlie, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson, died at their home here the 10th of March of membranous croup, born the 29th of October, 1896. The funeral was held at the home Friday conducted by Rev. Hong.

Over in heaven is a loved one tonight, Waiting to welcome us home, See, as he stands by the portals of light, Loved ones, he calls us to come. Let, there's a little voice, wondrously clear, Joining the heavenly song, Hear, it's singing, dear parents come home, Come to this bright happy home. L. A. W.

Once more we are brought face to face with the mystery of death. On Monday morning, March 8th, at 5 o'clock Robert Alden McCaw, surrounded by those he loved in life, "Death placed his fingers on his lips and they were still forever."

Robert was born at New Hartford, Oneida Co., N. Y., May 9, 1875 and was 21 years 10 mo. and 1 day when he died. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCaw, who live 3 1/2 miles southeast of this place. Yesterday, it was the bloom of joyous youth here its impress upon his fair young brow, the rose glowed in his cheeks, the wine of life filled all his being with exuberant joy. Today he lies cold and still. When but a child he moved with his parents to Shepherdville, Clinton Co., Michigan where he lived until the fall of 1893 when he went to Petoskey to spend 3 years as an apprentice in the machine factory. In January 1895, he was stricken down with typhoid fever. Meanwhile his parents had moved to this place. After the fever had run its course, he became convalescent and returned home. Before he regained strength sufficient he returned to Petoskey and after being there a short time, he was stricken down with that dreaded disease consumption. Shortly after he went to Ann Arbor and a stay of about 6 weeks was of no lasting benefit, he returned home, was treated by home physicians but received no help. He passed quietly away. His last and able words were "May the Lord lead and guide us." He died trusting in Jesus, having been converted during the fall of '92 he united with the Grace A. Church and Epworth League of Ovid, of which he has been a faithful member since. He was also a member of the Petoskey Y. M. C. A. The Epworth League of this place furnished flowers for the funeral, the design being the League badge, also other flowers. He leaves a father, mother

and sister besides a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was buried in this place Tuesday.

Grieve not, oh loving ones bereaved, For him who leaves you this, But draw aside the veil that hides The better land from us, And 'mid the waiting throng, Friends and relatives welcome him Whom they have looked for long. Then drop the curtain tenderly, Shut out the sight of loss; Oh, nevermore we'll wish him back To such a land as this, But when the boatman comes for us, When all our strife is o'er, We'll float adown the stream and join The ones who've gone before. L. A. W.

#### Ithaca.

J. W. Robinson of Vestaburg did business in this place Tuesday.

Richard Crandell of Portland is visiting his parents in this place for a few weeks.

Attorney Bahke of Alma attended court here this week.

Ed. Canfield of Ionia was here this week. He will move his family to that place where he has a position with the Capital Wagon Co.

M. Foster Chafey was home from Lansing over Sunday.

Who will be our next night watch and marshal is perplexing many. Several are in the race.

Alex Kennedy of Grand Rapids was in this place Tuesday.

It is alleged that James Moore and Will Dewhirst are laying in jail in Missaukee County because the officers there would not accept their bail. They were arrested on the charge of securing shingles by misrepresentation. Through their attorney W. A. Leet they were able to quash the proceedings in the first trial.

Prof. W. A. Smith of St. Louis was in this place Tuesday.

Attorneys Anderson and Tennant of Carson City attended court this week.

The Ithaca correspondent for the Saginaw Evening News says that John Jeffery was recently captured by the Spaniards while sailing in a Cuban vessel.

A very interesting temperance lecture was given at the Baptist church last Sunday evening by a lady of Fort Wayne Ind. She will work in this county two weeks in the interest of her society, the W. C. T. U.

Ray Maloney is the new turnkey at the jail, he being deputized on Tuesday of this week. Henry Oaks is showing Ray the ins and outs of the office this week.

Geo. Swartzmiller is reported very low with pneumonia.

Mrs. Millie Cady has moved into the Louisa Seaver residence on Centre Street.

E. W. Lyon attorney-at-law, was in this place Tuesday on legal business.

J. P. Langley is acting stenographer at the court this week.

J. L. Blackney has returned from Chicago where he went to purchase a spring stock of goods.

Mrs. W. D. Tucker and her milliner returned from Detroit Saturday night.

The department was called out on Saturday last caused by the report that N. B. Bradley's house was on fire. They were not needed as the flames were extinguished before they got there.

Will Sowersby and friend of Shepard visited friends in this place this week.

Charlie Miller formerly of this place has accepted a position with a leading firm of Jackson to represent them on the road.

Bert Herrod expects to enter the employ of Dove & Stanton at Midland in a short time.

Wilbur Owen has been offered a position with A. M. Herrick at Farwell as a clerk in his general store. Wilbur is a good clerk and should he leave the employ of F. L. Convis, he will be missed by a large circle of friends.

#### Pleasant Valley.

There is lots of sickness in this vicinity. Grandpa Hall is still confined to the house by rheumatism.

John Brown from the U. P. is here called here by the serious illness of his mother Mrs. Chas. Brown.

Mrs. John Balch is slowly improving.

Walter Hall and family of Milbrook enroute for Mason, Ingham county where they intend making their future home. They spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall of this place.

James Bro. n of Big Rapids is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mr. D. Stephenson who has been sick all winter is slowly recovering.

#### St. Louis.

M. Tyndler of the Boston Store moved his goods to Sparta this week.

W. L. Woodin is now nicely settled in his new store next to the postoffice.

Frank Shannon and Fred Shippey did some very active work at the fire Sunday night, in fact all seemed to sympathize with Mr. Herrick and was anxious to help all they possibly could.

The Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight was the general talk among the local sports Wednesday.

Al Wilson of Clare, is visiting friends in the city this week.

David Dean Jr. of this place, has been given an additional pension.

Marriage Licenses. Wilson Schaub, 22, Lafayette; Agnes Holmes, 18, Lafayette. Frank Kirby, 28, Summer; Jennie Clock, 22. Robt. Looy, 22, Arcadia; Pearl Derange, 18, Seville.

An Ant Army's Victory Over a Snake.

"While camping in Alabama during the late war," said Colonel Crossman of Dayton, O., "I witnessed an attack of a band of black ants upon a striped snake. One evening, while I was trying to go to sleep after a long day's march, I felt something move under my head. I lifted one corner of the blanket and found a snake between 8 and 4 feet in length. I quickly hit it with a small stick, but the reptile seemed hardly stunned, so I picked it up on the end of the stick and threw it about 15 feet away.

"The snake landed on a large ant hill. Almost instantly the ants poured forth from their nest, which was unperceived, and began a vigorous attack upon the intruder, who was soon covered by scores of his assailants, biting him furiously. The battle raged with fury, the snake writhing about in torture. The contest at first seemed an unequal one, for the snake was rapidly thinning out his persecutors; but, on the other hand, the ants were very numerous and quick in their aggressive movements. The snake, with one blow of his tail, would kill or wound a long line of ants, but the active little creatures were soon re-enforced by fresh troops and fought with a desperation wonderful to behold. I was astonished beyond measure to see the tactics of the ants. When they saw their numbers were being lessened, they dispatched couriers for fresh relays of soldiers, who appeared on the scene in due time to replace the killed or wounded. The moon, after a time, lit up the scene, but as there appeared no near termination of the struggle I gave up watching it and went to sleep. Before striking tents the next morning I went to look at the battle ground. The slain insects were scattered in every direction, but there were six or seven watchful ants upon the back of the snake, which lay stretched out dead near the ant hill."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Could Not Get a Yankee Drunk. He walked into the cafe of the Hoffman House and laid his plaid tourist's cap on the bar.

"Bahkeopah," he said, "give me an ah—ah corpse revive."

"What's that?" said the mixer of drinks.

"Oh, bahkeopah, you surprise me," said the Englishman. "I'll have a brokiah's dream of delight."

"Never heard of it," replied the bar-keeper.

"Make it a pulse warmer, then."

"How's that made?"

"Fah goodness," said the Englishman, picking up his cap and jamming it over his eyes, "give me whisky. And here I've come 2,000 miles to get an American drink in an American barroom. Make it old Scotch too."—New York Herald.

Fewer Prisons in England. There are only 58 prisons in England. Less than 20 years ago there were 113. Absolute uniformity prevails in them all, alike in regard to diet, discipline and clothes.

The Mote in His Neighbor's Eye. A much prized cat strayed out of the window of a Central Park West apartment the other day. He walked along the cornice until he reached one of the windows next door and looked in solemnly. The absence of the precious tabby was soon discovered, and he was called back quickly and reprimanded.

The next day the proprietors of the animal were informed that the neighbor had complained because the cat had peered into his room. They immediately informed the owner of the property that the man who had been so disturbed by a little feline curiosity practiced on the flute for two hours every day.—New York Sun.

Where He Would Live. Sir Arthur Sullivan was himself in Berlin to assist at the first performance of his "Ivanhoe" at the Royal Opera recently. While he was there he met Mascagni at a dinner given in honor of the two illustrious guests of musical Berlin. "In which of the European capitals would you soonest live?" asked Sir Arthur, and Mascagni's reply was rather perplexing. "I would live from 9 to 11 a. m. at London, from 11 to 5 at Paris, from 5 to 7 at Vienna, from 7 to 10 at Budapest, and after 10 at Berlin."

Many Think! when the Creator said to woman, "In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children," that a curse was pronounced against the human race, but the joy felt by every Mother when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary.

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EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH—Morning service 10:30; Sunday school 12:00. Evening service 7:30. Young people's meeting Thursday evenings 7:30. Rev. J. W. McALLISTER, Pastor.

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BAPTIST CHURCH—Morning service 10:30. Sunday school 11:45. Evening service 7:30. Young people's meeting 8:00 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings. Rev. H. W. Clough, Pastor.

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